

Remarks

Claims 1-61 are pending in the present application. Claims 15 and 36 have been amended. Claims 1-61 remain pending. Reexamination and reconsideration are requested in light of the accompanying remarks.

Claim 15 has been amended to correct a typographical error. This amendment has been made for purposes of clarity and for no other purpose. The amendment does not narrow the claims.

Claim 36 has been amended to correspond to the amendment previously made to claim 1 in the Amendment filed July 23, 2007. Support for this amendment can be found at Paragraphs [0013, and 0032], and claim 1 as filed. This amendment has been made for purposes of clarity and for no other purpose. The amendment does not narrow the claims.

The rejection of claims 1-61 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over Silver (U.S. Patent No. 6,455,182) in view of Nunan (U.S. Patent No. 6,040,265) is respectfully traversed.

Silver teaches a shift converter in a fuel processing subsystem having an improved catalyst composition. The catalyst composition is a noble metal catalyst having a promoted support of mixed metal oxide, including at least both ceria and zirconia. Abstract.

Silver is not available as a reference against the application. Applicants reduced the claimed invention to practice prior to May 9, 2001 as shown by the accompanying Declaration of Anca Faur-Ghenciu, Nathan E. Trusty, Mark R. Feaviour, Jessica G. Reinkingh, Phillip Shady, and Paul J. Andersen Under 37 C.F.R. 1.131. Prior to May 9, 2001, water gas shift catalyst systems according to the claims were made. Because Silver is not available as a reference, applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Silver in view of Nunan be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that, in view of the above amendment and remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request that claims 1-61 be passed to allowance.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding the present application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

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